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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Fredrick C Conley

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7,9-11 and 13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6,8,12 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/08/03
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5, 7, 9-11, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 3,844,471 to Hind.

Claim 1, Hind discloses a mattress assembly comprising:

a mattress 10 having top and bottom surfaces, and opposing lateral sides; and

a plurality of hand supports with hand grips 25 in the sides of the mattress. A mattress is defined as a pad of heavy cloth filled with soft material, used as or on a bed thus the pad of Hind clearly meets the limitations of a mattress assembly as recited in the claim.

Claim 2, further comprising raised bolsters (13,14) on the top surface of the mattress.

Claim 3, wherein the bolsters are laterally adjacent to a patient's head on the mattress.

Claim 4, wherein the bolsters are laterally adjacent to a patient's legs on the mattress.

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Claim 5, wherein the bolsters further comprise lateral surfaces forming portions of the sides of the mattress, and wherein the hand grips are recessed into the lateral surfaces of the bolsters.

Claim 7, wherein the hand grips are recessed into the sides of the mattress.

Claim 9, wherein the hand supports further comprise:

a horizontal base 17 extending along the bottom of the mattress;

vertical members 15 extending upward from the horizontal base at the sides of the mattress; and hand grips in the vertical members.

Claim 10, Hind discloses a mattress assembly comprising:

a mattress 10 having top and bottom surfaces, and opposing sides; and hand supports having:

(a) a horizontal base 17 extending across the bottom of the mattress;

(b) vertical members 15 extending upward from the horizontal base at the sides of the mattress; and

(c) hand grips 25 in the vertical members.

Claim 11, further comprising raised bolsters (13,14) on the top surface of the mattress.

Claim 13, wherein the hand grips are recessed into the sides of the mattress.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15-19 are allowed.

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Claim 6, 8, 12, and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fredrick C Conley whose telephone number is 308-7468. The examiner can normally be reached on m-th m-fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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